

# Needham Youth Services

## Youth Commission Meeting Notes

June 10, 2015

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 5/13/2015; June Department Report; RAY of Hope Press Release; Adoptive Parent Group Evaluation Compilation; materials related to Extreme Looks, Project VAN , and the Single Parent Support Group; and a tri-fold brochure created in collaboration with Needham High School's "Own Your Peace."

- **Accept Minutes of 5/13/2015**

- **Update on Reappointment to the Board**

The Director will follow up for Kevin and Susan regarding the status of their reappointment, and Julie and Vin will continue to work on their reappointment; Karen, David, Sonia, and incoming member Jillian are all set.

- **Community Focus**

Discussed the appointment of Joe Barnes (former Pollard principal) as the new high school interim principal, as well as the recent high school graduation.

- **Summer Program Preview**

Previewed the following summer 2015 programs: Extreme Looks, Project VAN, and the Single Parent Support Group. Materials from past years were distributed, and an overview of the schedule and specifics of this year were noted.

- **Program Update:**

- Committee Updates: Continue to serve on the DVAC and SWAC committees.
- Presentation as part of Needham Talks Series; went well.
- The 2015 Summer Undergraduate Intern, Julia Shults, began earlier this month.
- Update on the Youth Resource Network; final meeting was held in June.
- Update on VIP Program; ended for this year and recruiting for next year.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program; ended for this year and recruiting for next year.
- "Challenge Day" at the high school; how to support expansion of this program.
- Update on Adoptive Parents Group: are already planning for an expanded future program.
- New Board member is Jillian Smith; she will begin with the Board in September.
- Update of two internal projects town Department Managers are working on.
- Middle School Parenting Conference is slated for the Saturday before Thanksgiving.
- Distributed brochure created in collaboration with high school group "Own Your Peace".
- In the next month, both Katy and Liz will have their yearly evaluations completed.
- Scheduled a QPR Suicide Prevention Training for a local church this fall.

- **Old/New Business (none)**

Discussed Youth Services' collaboration and (terrific) relationship with the Needham Public Schools

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Kevin Keane, Susan Patkin Sonia Raja, and Vin Springer
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Liz Loveless
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